MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Convened in St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, N. C., April 30th, 1863.

WITH THE MINUTES OF THE

Synodical Missionary Society,

APPENDED.

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MINUTES

Of the Sixtieth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

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In accordance with the resolution of adjournment, adopted at the last Annual Convention, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, convened in St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, N. C., on Thursday, April 30th, 1863, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synodical Discourse was preached by the President, Rev. D. I. Dreher, from the text, 2d Cor. 13: 11. "Be of one mind, live in peace."

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FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, April 30th, 1863, }
11½ o'clock, A. M. }

Synod was opened with singing, and a prayer by the President. The roll was called, the absentees noted, and the certificates of the Lay-Delegates received. The names of the clerical members and lay-delegates, composing this body, registered as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK,	*Gibsonville, Guilford County,*	*N. C.*
" WILLIAM ARTZ,	*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,*	"
" S. ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan County,*	"
" J. H. MENGERT,	*Lexington, Davidson County*	"
" JACOB CRIM,	*South River, Rowan*	"
" J. B. ANTHONY,	*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus*	"
" JOSEPH A. LINN,	*Gold Hill, Rowan County,*	"
" J. D. STINGLEY,*	*Trenton, Mississippi.*	
" SIMEON SCHERER,	*Salisbury, Rowan County,*	"
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	*Gold Hill,* " "	"
" J. SWICEGOOD,*	*Shady Grove, Davidson County*	"
" G. D. BERNHEIM,	*Charlotte, Mecklenburg* "	"
" JOHN S. HEILIG,	*Mill Hill, Cabarrus County*	"
" DANIEL I. DREHER,	*Concord,* " "	"
" B. C. HALL,	*Shaw's Mills, Guilford*	"
" C. LENTZ,	*Statesville, Iredell County,*	"
" WILLIAM A. JULIAN,	*Lexington, Davidson County,*	"
" J. L. SMITHDEAL,†	*Newton, Catawba* "	"
" JAMES R. SIKES,	*Shady Grove, Davidson* "	"
" LOUIS A. BIKLE,	*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,*	"
" W. KIMBALL,	*Salisbury, Rowan County,*	"

LICENTIATE.

Rev. A. GRIMES,† ..... *Hay Meadow, Wilkes County, N. C,*

LAY-DELEGATES.

Capt. S. WAGNER,	*Rev. John D. Scheck's*	*Delegate.*
Maj. L. G. HEILIG,	" *William Artz'*	"
Mr. C. A. MILLER,	" *Samuel Rothrock's*	"
P. RIDENHOUR, Esq.,	" *J. B. Anthony's*	"
Mr. L. HOFFNER,	" *J. A. Linn's*	"
Mr. ALEXANDER BROWN,	" *Simeon Scherer's*	"
Mr. GEORGE LYERLY,	" *L. C. Groseclose's*	"
Mr. J. DULS,	" *G. D. Bernheim's*	"
Mr. W. T. H. PLASTER	" *John S. Heilig's*	"
Col. ISRAEL FISHER,	" *Daniel I. Dreher's*	"
Mr. W. L. SHAFFNER,	" *B. C. Hall's*	"
" MATHIAS MILLER,	" *C. Lentz'*	"
" GEORGE SWICEGOOD,	" *William A. Julian's*	"
" J. A. HATHCOCK,	" *J. L. Smithdeal's*	"
" Mr. SAMUEL LINN,	" *W. Kimball's,*	"

*Absent. †Absent, but excused.

Synod now being organized, the President read his Annual Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Time in its onward course has brought us to another annual Synodical meeting, at the time and place appointed, for the transaction of such business as pertains to the kingdom of the Redeemer.

The joys and the sorrows of the past year are gone, and the manner we have performed our duty, has been noted down by the recording angel, for us to account for, when we shall stand before God.

Not one of us was called to die, during the past year, our number remains unbroken to-day, and we stand as living monuments of a merciful God. While we, as ministers, have been spared, many of our dear laymen have been called from this world, whom, we hope, now "*rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.*" Here and there may be seen those who mourn the loss of dear ones that have gone down to the tomb.

The past year has been one of blood and tears, and it is to be hoped, this terrible scourge of the Almighty, will make us a better people. The ravages of war still prevail, and God only knows how long this unhappy condition of things will last.

The ways of Providence are often dark and mysterious, and there may be purposes in the Divine mind that afford satisfactory reasons for a continuance of this struggle. Yet, it may please God to avert our present calamities and restore peace to our bleeding nation, if we would repent of our sins and forsake them.

The same merciful God can dry the tears of those who mourn the loss of dear ones, who heaved their last sigh in the hospital, or in the fury of battle amidst the clank and din of arms, bravely grappling in a life and death struggle for the freedom of their country. God only can cause a return of joy to all who mourn from any cause. His hand alone can brush away tears from weeping eyes and press the sighing bosom.

During the past year, there have been few revivals of religion in the bounds of our Synod. The effusions of the Holy Spirit have not been as profuse as in former years. Our Zion now seems to languish for want of "*refreshings from the presence of the Lord,*" and the hearts of the pious tremble at the desolation of Jerusalem. A large percentage of our male population has gone into the army, which has greatly reduced our congregations. An inordinate love of gain, and the mania of seeking after spontaneous wealth, hurries men with wild impetuosity into business transactions and schemes for wealth. Between the war and a love of gain, the soul is fretted and chafed, and moral leanness must be the inevitable result. Thousands now seem not to believe

Religion is the chief concern,
Of mortals here below;
More needful this, than glitt'ring wealth,
Or aught the world bestows;
No reputation, food or health,
Can give us such repose."

We trust the Lord, in his own good time, will again visit our beloved Zion, and then give us fruitful showers of divine love to the joy and peace of our souls.

"*Return, O Lord, how long, and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants. Oh, satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days, make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.*"

In conformity with the constitution of Synod, I will now present you with an account of my

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Some time in June, 1862, Rev. Prof. G. F. Schæffer, a licentiate of the North Carolina Synod, made application to me for a letter of dismission with a view of connecting himself with one or the other of the Evangelical Lutheran Synods in Virginia. The letter was given according to request.

COMMUNICATIONS.

June 30th, 1862, Rev. John L. Smithdeal writes informing me that he had "opened a preaching point near the Lenoir road, and about five miles from the Catawba bridge." He also states, "I have good congregations and sanguine expectations." We hope this brother's expectations have been realized, and that God will own and bless his labor.

July 29th, 1862, Rev. James D. Stingley writes informing me of his intention to leave the Iredell Pastorate, and return again to the State of Mississippi. The reason assigned for this change, is, a want of "support." Early in September, brother Stingley left his charge for a point beyond the limits of this Synod, without applying for a letter of dismission. May the blessing of God attend this self-denying brother in his new field of labor.

Sometime last Fall, Rev. G. D. Bernheim and Rev. John L. Smithdeal, verbally informed me that they had consented to supply the Iredell Pastorate; the former serving St. Michael's Church, and the latter St. Paul's Church.

March 21st, 1863, Rev. A. Grimes writes requesting to be excused for not attending the present meeting of Synod, offering as an excuse, want of means and the infirmities of age. I recommend that he be excused, and that his letter be read in open Synod, and that his request meet with a hearty and liberal response at the hands of this Synod. This letter also contains his Parochial Report.

April 7th, 1863, Rev. Caleb Lentz, writes, "On last Sunday I visited Je-

rusalem, and made arrangements to preach to that people in connection with St. Matthews, during the ensuing year." May the relation of Pastor and People be abundantly blessed.

April 6th, 1863, Rev. John H. Mengert wrote me a letter which I recommend to be read, and urge its contents upon the favorable consideration of this Synod.

April 27th, 1863, Rev. John L. Smithdeal writes two communications, respectively intended for Synod and its Missionary Society. These letters, with their contents, are submitted to the fraternal consideration of this body.

April 28th, 1863, Mr. H. Vollers mails certain communications for the information of this Synod, respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the City of Wilmington. They are respectfully referred to Synod for further consideration.

VACANCIES.

The Iredell Pastorate is without a regular Pastor, and it will be the duty of Synod to enquire whether any other arrangement be necessary or not.—The Wilmington Mission is still destitute of a minister, and it may be proper for this Synod to inaugurate some measures for its supply.

It may be my duty to remind this Synod that our College is still without Professors, and the keys in the hands of the Board of Directors. It will be the duty of Synod to determine whether the College shall remain closed, or whether it shall be opened.

The reading of this Report ends my term of office. I truly thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me, and hope you will forgive the errors I may have committed.

May the blessing of God attend your deliberations, and make them subserve the great work for which they may be designed. I herewith return to you the office entrusted to my care.

Very respectfully,
DANIEL I. DREHER.

The report was accepted and laid on the table for future action.

An election was now held for Officers of Synod, for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM, *President.*
" L. A. BIKLE, *Recording Secretary.*
" J. S. HEILIG, *Corres. Secretary.*
Maj. L. G. HEILIG, *Treasurer.*

All papers for Synod having been called for, and handed

in, the President announced the regular Standing Committees, viz:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds Artz, Mengert, and Mr. A. Brown.

2. *On Petitions and Vacancies.*—Rev'ds Scherer, Sikes, and Mr. George Lyerly.

3. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds Scheck, Hall, and Mr. C. A. Miller.

4. *On Finance.*—Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Maj. L. G. Heilig, and Mr. J. Duls.

5. *On State of Religion.*—Rev'ds Groseclose, Crim, and Capt. S. Wagner.

6. *On Proceedings of Conferences.*—Rev'ds Julian, Kimball, and Mr. W. T. H. Plaster.

7. *On Education.*—Rev'ds Linn, Heilig, and Mr. L. Hoffner.

Parochial Reports were called for, and arranged as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Admissions.	Restorations.	Dismissions.	Expulsions.	Death of Members.	Funerals.	Ely. & Miss. Societies.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Bible Classes.	Prayer Meetings.	Contributions. Benevolent.	Contributions. Local.
Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK,	2	24	00	310	4	1	00	1	00	9	28	00	1	00	00	00	1	$ 2.00	$
" WILLIAM ARTZ,	1	00	00	30	1	00	00	00	00	00	2	00	00	00	00	00	00		
" SAMUEL ROTHROCK,	2	29	1	600	3	00	00	00	00	15	18	2	2	00	00	00	00	208.00	
" J. B. ANTHONY,	2	34	1	450	7	5	3	2	00	15	36	00	00	00	00	00	00		
" JOSEPH A. LINN,	3	27	2	425	3	1	2	2	2	37	72	1	3	17	100	00	3	17.50	28.50
" SIMEON SCHERER,	2	10	00	114	5	3	00	00	00	4	20	00	2	00	00	00	00	130.00	
" LEVI C. GROSECLOSE,	2	15	2	220	3	1	00	1	00	5	8	00	2	00	00	00	00	50.00	25.55
" G. D. BERNHEIM,	1	17	2	50	4	6	00	1	00	3	17	00	1	5	30	00	00	25.75	700.00
" JOHN S. HEILIG,	2	12	2	248	16	4	00	2	00	24	22	00	1	7	65	00	00		
" DANIEL I. DREHER,	1	26	1	285	3	3	1	00	00	4	23	00	1	6	30	00	1	56.00	
" B. C. HALL,	3	15	2	147	3	00	00	00	1		6	00	00		00	00	00		200.00
" CALEB LENTZ,	2	5	1	60	00	00	1	00	00	5	3	00	1	00	00	00	00		
" WILLIAM A. JULIAN,	3	3	00	279	00	00	00	1	4	10	19	00	2	10	80	00	00		
" A. GRIMES,	1	00	00	5	00	00	00	00	00	00	2	00	00	00	00	00	00		
" JAMES R. SIKES,	4	5	7	120	14	00	00	00	00	5	8	00	2	18	100	1	00		
" W. KIMBALL,	2	27	4	410	28	2	1	00	00	20	28	00	2	35	195	00	2	60.95	
" JOHN L. SMITHDEAL,	2	2	1	58	2	00	00	1	00	2	5	00	2	2	10	50	3	66.00	
Iredell Charge,	2	00	00	150	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1		
Wilmington Church,	1	00	00	94	00	00	00	00	00	10	00	00	1	5	27	00	00		
Total,	38	251	26	4055	96	26	8	10	8	169	317	3	23	113	677	4	8	616.20	954.05

Rev. Joseph A. Linn offered the following:

Whereas, The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Charlotte has kindly tendered to this body the use of their Church, in which to hold our sessions of Synod and religious services, therefore

1. Resolved, That the Officers of this Synod make the necessary arrangements to have their pulpit supplied, on Sabbath morning, and at night.

Rev. Daniel I. Dreher submitted the following:

Whereas, It is the duty of this Synod to signify its concern for the spiritual welfare of our soldiers in the Confederate Army, by some substantial token of its regard, therefore

2. Resolved, That this Synod do send ministers to serve the army as volunteer Chaplains, for the term of twelve months—one minister serving for one month at a time.

3. Resolved, That the various congregations be called upon to contribute for this purpose, means to defray the expenses of such ministers as may serve in the army as above designated.

4. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President, to ascertain the names of the ministers who are willing to go as volunteer Chaplains, to the army.

The President appointed Rev'ds B. C. Hall, L. C. Groseclose, and John D. Scheck, to constitute said committee.

Rev. Daniel I. Dreher asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Granted.

Rev. Samuel Rothrock offered the following resolution:

5. Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the President to divide the money sent by Davie Mission, among the ministers who served said mission, during the past year, in proportion to the amount of service rendered by each minister.

The President appointed Messrs. Mathias Miller and W. L. Shoffner.

Synod now entered into the election of Corresponding Delegate to the South Carolina Synod, which resulted as follows: Rev. John H. Mengert, principal, and Rev. D. I. Dreher, alternate.

The election to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College, was next held, and resulted in the choice of Rev. Daniel I Dreher, Rev. J. B. Anthony, Mathias Barrier, Esq., and Col. John Shimpoch.

Mathias Barrier, Esq., Treasurer of Endowment Fund of North Carolina College, appeared and took a seat with us, as an advisory member.

The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. B. Anthony. At night, Rev. B. C. Hall preached from the text, I John iii chap. 1st verse.

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SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 1st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing, and prayer by the President. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Rev. J. Crim, corresponding delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, submitted the following report:

The delegate appointed by this body to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, would report that he met that respectable and efficient body, assembled in convention, in a Church, in Orangeburg District, October 16th, 1862, and was cordially and fraternally received as an advisory member, and invited to participate in their deliberations. Those brethren are zealously engaged in carrying on all the benevolent enterprises of the day. Their College and Theological Seminary are doing well, and are destined to accomplish great things for the Church in the South and West.

My necessary expenses were $9.25.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CRIM.

The report was accepted and adopted.

6. Resolved, That the expenses of the delegate, $9.25, be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Mr. W. L. Shoffner reported on the distribution of the funds, forwarded to Synod by the Davie Mission.

The Committee appointed by Synod to make a proper apportionment of the funds sent by the Davie Mission, among the ministers who served said Mission, during the past year, beg leave to offer the following:

To Rev. C. Lentz, for 10 days' service,	$28.25
" " J. Swicegood, for 2 days' service,	5.65
" " J. Crim, for 2 days' service,	5.65
" " W. A. Julian, for 2 days' service	5.65
" " D. I. Dreher, for 1 day's service,	2 82½
" " J. B. Anthony, for 1 day's service,	2.82½
" " S. Rothrock, for 1 day's service,	2.82½
" " L. C. Groseclose, for 1 day's service,	2.82½

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SHOFFNER,
MATHIAS MILLER.

Report accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 1.

The Committee on the President's Report, beg leave to say that they have considered this interesting annual communication, and

1st. They recommend the several items of recommendation and suggestion contained in it, to the special notice and action of Synod; beginning with the letter of Rev. A. Grimes, and ending with his remarks and suggestions respecting the election of Professors for North Carolina College, and the re-opening of the institution.

2d. They recommend that the Report be printed entire.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ARTZ,
J. H. MENGERT,
ALEXANDER BROWN.

The report was accepted, and, after referring the several items of recommendation and suggestions, contained in the President's Report, to the proper Standing Committees, was also adopted.

Rev. D. J. Simmons of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Charlotte being present, was introduced and cordially invited to take a seat amongst us, as an advisory member.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 2.

The Committee on Petitions and Vacancies ask leave to report the following:

Item 1st, is a letter from our venerable and much esteemed Father Grimes, in which he states that he cannot attend this meeting of Synod in consequence of the infirmities of age, and earnestly solicits aid to enable him to

meet his most urgent wants for the ensuing year. All the money received from Synod, and lifted at the last annual convention for his benefit, has been spent; and he was even compelled, during the past year, to dispose of some of the little property he possesses, to procure necessary food, &c.

Your Committee recommend that father Grimes be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod—that a committee of two be appointed by the President, to lift donations in his behalf, during the present sessions of Synod—and that the ministers, composing this body, present his case to their respective charges, and lift and forward donations to him.

Item 2d, is a letter from Rev. J. L. Smithdeal, in which he says that he will not be able to attend Synod, in consequence of an attack of Pneumonia, from which he is just recovering.

Your Committee recommend that bro. Smithdeal be excused, and that the letter containing a proposition to our Missionary Society, be referred to its next meeting.

Item 3d, is a letter from M. M. Miller, now in the army, which we refer to the Ministerium.

Item 4th, is a letter from Mr. H. Vollers, commissioner, to represent St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, in which he enclosed his certificate of appointment and his Report.

Your Committee recommend that said report be read before Synod.

Item 5th, is a letter from J. H. Mengert now in our midst. Your Committee recommend that said letter be read at the meeting of our Missionary Society.

In conclusion, your Committee call the attention of Synod to the Iredell charge as the only vacancy within our bounds.

Respectfuly submitted,

S. SCHERER,
J. R. SIKES,
GEORGE LYERLY.

The report was accepted and disposed of as follows:

In relation to the recommendation under item 1st, it was

7. Resolved, That Rev. A. Grimes be excused for non-attendance, and that a committee of two be appointed by the President to lift contributions in his behalf.

Committee—Rev'ds. S. Scherer and J. R. Sikes.

In reference to the recommendation under item 2d, it was

8. Resolved, That Rev. J. L. Smithdeal be excused for non-attendance, during the present sessions of Synod.

In relation to the Iredell charge, it was

9. Resolved, That the members of said charge be informed, it is the desire

of Synod that every effort be made by them to secure the services of a regular pastor.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 4.

The Financial Committee would present the following reports:

1. SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. John D. Scheck's Charge.		
St. Paul's Church,	$6 50	
Frieden's, Church,	11 55	$18 05
Rev. William Artz' Charge.		
Mt. Carmel Church,		5 00
Rev. S. Rothrock's Charge.		
Organ Church,	22 60	
St. Peter's Church,	6 00	28 60
Rev. J. B. Anthony's Charge.		
Bethel Church,	5 80	
St. John's Church,	10 00	15 80
Rev. J. A. Linn's Charge.		
St. Stephen's Church,	6 00	
Luther's Church,	5 50	
St. Matthew's Church,	6 00	17 50
Rev. S. Scherer's Charge.		
Bethel Church,	4 15	
Salem Church,	3 00	7 15
Rev. L. C. Gloseclose's Charge.		
Salisbury,	5 50	
Union Church,	12 80	18 30
Rev. G. D. Bernheim's Charge.		
St. Mark's Church,		10 00
Iredell Charge.		
St. Michael's Church,	8 75	
St. Paul's Church,	2 50	11 25
Rev. J. S. Heilig's Charge.		
St. Enoch's Church,	6 00	
Trinity Church,	4 40	10 40
Rev. D. I. Dreher's Charge.		
Concord,		17 90
Rev. B. C. Hall's Charge.		
Richland Church,	1 00	
Zion Church,	1 00	
Lau's Church,	8 00	10 00

Rev. C. Lentz's Charge.

Jerusalem Church,	2 00	
St. Matthew's Church,	1 40	3 40

Rev. W. A. Julian's Charge.

St. Luke's Church,	4 45	
Lebanon Church,	8 00	
Pilgram's Church,	4 00	16 45

Rev. J. L. Smithdeal's Charge.

Beth-Eden,	4 00	
Thyatira,	4 00	8 00

Bev. J. R. Sikes' Charge.

Bethany Church,	1 40	
Hopewell Church,	1 00	
Nazareth Church,	5 45	7 85

Rev. W. Kimball's Charge.

Luther's Chapel,	5 00	
St. Paul's Church,	4 35	9 35

Total amount, $215 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. ROTHROCK,
L. G. HEILIG,
J. DULS.

2. SYNODICAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Matthias Barrier, Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina,

DR.

To balance in hands of Treasurer of last Synod,	$ 48 86½
To cash received at last Synod,	119 99
Total,	$168 85½

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May 27.—By cash paid J. J. Bruner for printing Minutes,	$ 74 00
1863. May 1.—By balance in hands of Treasurer,	94 87½
Total,	$168 85½

Respectfully submitted,

May 1, 1863. MATHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

S. ROTHROCK,
L. G. HEILIG,
J. DULS.

Reports accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 7.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

The only document placed in their hands, is the Annual Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College, in which he informs us, that, owing to the present civil strife between the two sections of our country, and the almost total emigration of our youth to the scene of conflict, it was deemed inadvisable by the Board to re-open the College. The Board, however, have taken preparatory measures, by creating a committeee, whose duty it is made to correspond with suitable persons, with a view of securing proper Teachers, and as soon as the war shall cease, or circumstances permit, to re-open the College. He further states that we are still in debt, and the only assets with which to pay, are the donations promised to our several agents. With a view to secure these, and receive new subscriptions, the Board have appointed M. Barrier, Esq., Agent, who has thus far discharged his duty faithfully, and has been successful in collecting a considerable amount of outstanding subscriptions. He states that our indebtedness is still about $7,000—the original cost of the College Buildings and Campus improvements having cost upwards of $20,000—and that the interest arising from the Endowment fund which exceeds $20,000, by a little, is now being applied to the payment of our debt. From statements made by our Agent, we also learn that of the remaining outstanding subscriptions, he thinks he will not be able to collect more than $600. Besides there are other small assets in our possession, that may possibly reduce our indebtedness to $6,000 leaving this amount unprovided for in any way, except the interest arising from the Endowment fund.

Your Committee have no suggestions to make, except that they would express the hope that Synod will sustain the Board in their past acts and present intentions.

Respectfully, &c,

J. A. LINN,
J. S. HEILIG,
LEONARD HOFFNER.

Report was accepted and adopted.

In reference to the re-opening of the North Carolina College, it was

10. Resolved, That this matter be referred to the Board of Trustees of said institution.

Synod now adjourned to attend Divine service.

Rev. J. Crim preached at 11 o'clock from Hebrews, 4th chap. 9th verse.

THIRD SESSION.

3½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod re-assembled and proceeded to business.

Rev. B. C. Hall reported for special committee on Chaplaincy to the army.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Chaplaincy to the army, report that Rev'ds. J. H. Mengert and L. C. Groseclose, have consented to serve as regular volunteer Chaplains in the army, for the term of twelve months, provided they can make the necessary arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. HALL,
L. C. GROSECLOSE,
JOHN D. SCHECK.

Report accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 6.

The Committee on Proceedings of Conferential Districts would submit the following:

They have examined the Minutes of the various Conferences within the bounds of this Synod, and have found nothing demanding attention at the present time. During the past year, regular meetings were held in the different Conferential Districts, doubtless to the interest and edification of the Church. From the proceedings of each Conference, the Committee are led to believe that repeated efforts were made to promote the Redeemer's cause in the land, to edify the Church, and point sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. JULIAN,
W. KIMBALL,
W. T. H. PLASTER.

Report accepted and adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. John D. Scheck.

Rev. S. Scherer preached at night from the text, Romans 1st chap. 16th verse.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, May 2d, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev'd. C. Lentz. The roll was called, and minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 5.

The Committee on the state of Religion report as follows:

Bro. Scheck says, "During the past year, no very important change has occurred in the Alamance Pastorate. The ordinances of God's House are well attended, but I regret to say, that we have not enjoyed any very special visitations of the Holy Spirit."

"The state of Religion in my charge," says bro. Heilig, "is quite encouraging. The attendance on the ministrations of God's House, considering the times, is very good. The Gospel is heard with suitable attention—the ordinances are duly appreciated and observed, and the peculiar kindness of the people to their pastor, together with the deep concern felt for himself and family, is truly encouraging."

Bro. Dreher writes, "The state of religion in my charge is as good as could be expected under the circumstances, but not as good as could be desired. The people of my charge are benevolent and kind."

"On this subject," writes bro. Smithdeal, "I have little to say. This most unholy war has very much crippled the energies of my people, so that there is not that deep-toned piety among my people I should like to see. Yet, my little flock is awake to the support of the Gospel. My congregations, in the main, are very good. I have a very interesting class of catechumens.

Bro. Linn states, "I have nothing of special interest to communicate. The ordinances of God's House and other means of grace have been usually well attended. There has been a fearful mortality in my charge, creating a general sadness and seriousness among my people. There has been no special outpouring of the Spirit in my charge, and consequently very few accessions to church membership."

Bro. Julian remarks, "The state of religion in my charge is as good as could be expected under the circumstances, taking into consideration the condition of the country. My salary is well nigh as much as before the war. We still have a praying people—a people, I trust, who fear God and keep his commandments. We have had no revivals, during the past year, yet we trust we have reason to believe that the church has been edified."

Bro. Kimball says, "The state of religion in my charge is encouraging at this time. We enjoyed two special seasons of grace during the past year—eighteen professed a change of heart, and twenty-eight united with the Church. My people take great interest in the welfare of their pastor. They have increased my salary $150, besides a great many donations. The Sabbath School at St. Paul's is in a prosperous condition. Love, peace and harmony, seem to be the ruling principle among us."

Bro. Scherer states, "I am pleased to report, that though, as to prayer-meetings and Sabbath Schools, owing, at least in part, to the condition of the country, my charge is not as prosperous as desirable, yet there appears to be

a growing interest as to the hearing of the word, and from the manifest attention and impression made, I have reason to believe that my labors are not vain. There also appears to be a growing and commendable liberality, and what is most gratifying, a growing endearment between pastor and people, and almost uninterrupted harmony and concert of action. To God be all the glory."

Bro. Sikes remarks, "While the state of religion in the Forsyth mission is not what we could wish, yet we are not without encouragement. The labors of the past year have resulted in the accession of fourteen persons to the Church. And, although death has been in our midst, and deprived us of some of our most faithful and useful members, still we are on the gaining hand.—Considering the circumstances by which we are surrounded, we cannot complain either of the attendance, or of the attention of the people."

Bro. Lentz says, "No report prepared—nothing special to report from the Davie mission. Attendance generally good."

Bro. Bernheim observes, "I regret that I have no revivals of religion to report for the last Synodical year, nevertheless, I discern marked attention to the preached word, and a growing interest in the ordinances of God's house, which always precede the out-pouring of God's Spirit. In our Church, in Charlotte, we have made some progress in pecuniary matters. The debt on our Church property has at last been liquidated, and the title deeds are now in the hands of the proper officers. We have also procured a Melodeon to assist in our divine worship, which is also paid for, costing us something more than two hundred dollars."

Bro. Hall remarks, "There has been no special out-pouring of the Spirit in my charge during the past Synodical year; but the ordinances of the Church have been well attended, and a commendable liberality displayed."

Bro. Anthony reports, "I serve two congregations, St. John's and Bethel. They are regularly served with the means of grace. We have had no special revivals, but the means of grace are well attended. So far as I am advised, peace and quiet prevail in the charge."

Bro. Artz says, "I have nothing special to report."

Bro. Rothrock remarks, "In my congregations good attention is given to the preaching of the word, and the state of religion under all the circumstances by which we are surrounded, is perhaps as favorable as could be expected, although the number of hearers is not as large as in former times, inasmuch as many of the members are now in the army."

Bro. Groseclose observes, "The state of religion in my charge is not as flourishing as in years past. Its progress has been seriously interrupted in some respects. Apparently there is a decline in the external prosperity as to revivals, and the accessions to the membership; yet, the attendance is good on the word preached, and also on the sacraments. The young and middle-aged men are nearly all in the army, but fortunately few of them

have died or been killed on the battle field. So far as I know, few if any of my members have engaged in the sin of the day—speculation and extortion. Most of them appear to be "steadfast and immovable," if not "abounding in the work of the Lord." Some of the leading members at Union have doubled their subscription to their pastor's salary, and are prompt in paying it. I have not preached regularly in Salisbury this year, because that Church failed to raise its quota of my salary, though I have not resigned, nor do I expect to resign the charge of it. In point of benevolence, my people have done better than they have ever done. Although, upon the whole, the state of religion in my charge cannot be said to be flattering, yet it is hopeful—not being barren of good fruits."

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
JACOB CRIM,
S. WAGNER.

Report accepted and adopted.

Rev. S. Rothrock submitted the following:

Whereas, This Synod did some years since, conditionally transfer its Seminary fund to the Board of Trustees of N. C. College—said Board to have the use of said fund, without interest, until recalled by Synod; and whereas this Synod did at its annual convention, in 1860, resolve to recall said fund, but failed to make a formal demand of said Board for the fund, in consequence of which failure, this Synod is in arrears to the Theological Seminary of South Carolina, the interest accruing for three years on said fund, and without the means of meeting said arrears, therefore,

11. Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of N. C. College be respectfully requested to refund to Synod the interest which has accrued on said Seminary fund for the last three years, and that said Board of Trustees be regularly informed that this Synod will hereafter claim the interest arising from said fund.

12. That the Secretary forward to the President of the Board of Trustees a copy of these preambles and resolutions, and the forwarding of which will be regarded as the regular information alluded to in the preceding resolution.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 3.

The Committee to whom were referred for examination the Minutes of the preceding years, beg leave to bring to your notice the following resolution, found on page 20, and passed by this body at its meeting in Wilmington, 1861:

Resolved, That every member of Synod, who has not already done so, be required to sign the Constitution of Synod, at its next meeting, in 1862.

Your Committee have reason to regret that the above resolution has not been complied with, we, therefore, recommend that the Secretary of Synod be required to bring with him, in 1864, the record containing the Constitution of this Synod, and that the members of this body comply with the abovementioned requisition.

The Committee have found no other item claiming your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
B. C. HALL,
C. A. MILLER.

Report accepted and adopted.

13. Resolved, That Rev. G. D. Bernheim be permitted to retain the documents of this Synod, now in his possession, until he has completed his historical sketches of the Lutheran Church, South.

14. Resolved, That the Secretary purchase a box, and deposit therein the documents of Synod, for safe-keeping.

Synod now took a recess to attend Divine Services. During the recess, Rev. W. Kimball preached from the text, Col. 2: 6.

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FIFTH SESSION.—3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod reassembled and resumed business.

An election was entered into for a Director of the Theolgical Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina, which resulted in the choice of Rev. J. H. Mengert. Rev. S. Scherer read the following:

The Committee appointed by the President to lift donations in behalf of Rev. A. Grimes, report that they have attended to this duty. The amount placed in their hands, is $47. Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,
J. R. SIKES.

15. Resolved, That the Chairman of the above Committee forward the amount lifted to father Grimes, in the safest manner possible.

Rev. J. H. Mengert offered the following:

Whereas, The practice of distilling spirituous liquors out of fruit has prevailed to an alarming extent among our farmers, since the passage of an act by our Legislature prohibiting such distillation out of corn and other cereals, therefore,

16. Resolved, That it is the duty of our ministers to discountenance this practice by every lawful means at their disposal.

Maj. L. G. Heilig presented the following:

17. Resolved, That this Synod suggest to the Board of Trustees of N. C. College, the propriety of employing that portion of the Endowment Fund, over $20,000, in paying the indebtedness of the institution.

Synod now went into an election for the place of holding its next Annual Convention. Mount Carmel Church, Cabarrus county, was selected.

18. Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns, it stands adjourned to meet in Mount Carmel Church, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1864, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

19. Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Charlotte, for the kind manner in which its members have been entertained; and that the above resolution be read from the pulpits on to-morrow; and that a copy of the above be furnished to the Editors of the different papers of this place, for publication in the same.

20. Resolved, That the Secretary procure the printing of 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod.

21. Resolved, That the minutes of the Missionary Society be appended to the minutes of Synod.

22. Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place already agreed upon.

Closed with singing and prayer, and the benediction by the President.

At night, in the Lutheran Church, Rev. J. A. Linn pronounced an Essay on the great Reformation, begun by Luther A. D., 1517, based on Job 8: 8—10.

EXERCISES OF SABBATH.

In the Lutheran Church, in the morning, Rev. L. C. Groseclose preached from the text, Acts 1 : 3.

After which the elements of the Holy Supper were consecrated by Rev. Joseph A. Linn, and the members of Synod present and a number of the followers of the meek and lowly Saviour manifested their love to Him, by partaking of His broken body and shed blood.

At night, Rev. W. Kimball preached from the text, Eph. 5 : 14.

In the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. Artz preached in the morning, and Rev. J. D. Scheck at night.

In the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. D. Scheck preached in the morning, and Rev. J. B. Anthony at night.

In the Baptist Church, Rev. S. Scherer preached in the morning, and Rev. W. Artz at night.

In the afternoon, Rev. J. S. Heilig preached to an attentive congregation in the country.

May God sanctify the labors of this Sabbath day to the good of His children and the salvation of sinners.

LOUIS A. BIKLE, Secretary of Synod.

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MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

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SATURDAY, May 2d, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Ministerium met, and after the calling of the roll was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Kimball.

Mr. M. M. Miller made application to this Ministerium, through Rev. S. Scherer, for license.

Pending the consideration of this matter, the Ministerium adjourned, subject to the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Mengert.

4 o'CLOCK, P. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Rothrock.

Relative to the application of Mr. M. M. Miller for license, it was

1. Resolved, That Mr. M. M. Miller be licensed to preach the gospel and administer the ordinances of the Church for one year.

The Ministerium now adjourned to meet at the appointed time and place of holding the next annual meeting of Synod.

Closed with prayer by Rev. W. Artz, and benediction by the President.

LOUIS A. BIKLE, Sec'ry of Ministerium.

MINUTES OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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SATURDAY NIGHT, May 2d.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President called the Society to order. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Heilig.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Rev. J. A. LINN, *President.*
" J. D. SCHECK, *Vice President.*
" S. SCHERER, *Secretary.*
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Cor. Sec'ry.*
" G. D. BERNHEIM, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's Report was read, and Col. D. L. Heilig and Moses Linn were appointed a Committee to examine it and report to the Secretary.

Bros. Mengert's and Smithdeal's letters were read and referred to the Executive Committee. So also, the correspondence from the Wilmington Mission. The settlement of the Society with S. Scherer was also referred to the Executive Committee.

Contributions of Members this year,		$10 00
Life Members this year—		
Rev. W. Kimball,		5 00
Mr. George Lyerly,		5 00
CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.		
Rev. G. D. Bernheim's Charge.		
St. Mark's, Charlotte,	$9 70	
Icehower's,	6 05	
St. Michael's,	8 80——24 55	
Rev. J. L. Smithdeal's Charge.		
Beth-Eden,	6 00	
Thyatira,	4 00	
Rev. J. L. Smithdeal,	1 50——11 50	
Rev. S. Scherer's Charge.		
Bethel,	18 90	
Salem,	14 60——33 50	
		$89 55

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Treasurer, in account with Synodical Missionary Society:

1862.		DR.
May	5—To note and cash as per last annual report	$77 76
"	To cash included in last report,	23 32
"	To Congregational contributions,	59 64
"	To cash at annual meeting at Organ Church,	37 35
June	6—To contribution by Lt. L. H. Rothrock,	10 00
"	8—To do by Col. P. N. Heilig,	5 00
"	To do by Mrs. Sarah Heilig,	5 00
"	To do by Mrs. Mary A. Heilig,	5 00

" 22—To	do	by Organ Church Missionary Society, per J. D. Miller, Treasurer,	62 40
"	To contribution	by J. L. Græber,	5 00
"	To do	by A. F. Græber,	5 00
"	To do	by Michael Bostian,	5 00
"	To do	John D. Miller,	5 00
" 28—To	do	Samuel Rothrock, Treasurer,	10 00
"	To do	by St. Paul's Church, per Rev. W. Kimball,	27 50
"	To do	by Luther's Chapel, per Rev. W. Kimball,	34 85
"	To do	William Ketchy,	3 00
" 29—To	do	by St. Peter's Church Missionary Society, per Moses Linn,	29 70
July 2—To	contribution	by Rev. J. L. Smithdeal's charge in Catawba,	12 00
Sept. 1—To	do	" " "	3 00
" 7—To	contributions	per J. A. Linn, viz: Luther's Church,	22 20
		St. Matthew's Church,	30 50
10—To	contribution	by St. Stephen's Church, per Peter J. Lentz,	22 50
Oct. 6—To	do	by Bear Creek Church, per Rev. Anthony,	10 75
10—To	do	by Charlotte Church,	10 00
" —To	do	by Concord Church,	56 00
Nov. 9—To	do	by Organ Church Mis. So. per J. D. Miller, Tr.	6 00
" 28—To	do	by St. Paul's Church, Iredell, per D. Harkey,	9 00
" —To	do	by Mt. Carmel Church, Maj. L. G. Heilig,	6 60
1863.			
Ap'l 30—To	cash	per Rev. Sikes from his charge,	24 00
" —To	cash	per Rev. L. C. Groseclose, viz—Jerusalem Church,	11 15
		Salisbury "	14 25
		Union "	36 90
May 1—To	cash	from St. John's Church, per Rev. J. B. Anthony,	31 75
" —To	Centenary interest	from Bethel per P. Ridenhour,	1 20
" —To	amount	of D. M. Wagner's note, prin. and int.	57 07
" 2—To	cash	from Davidson pastorate, per Rev. W. A. Julian,	57 60
			$832 99

Bros. Julian and Scheck were re-appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon next year.

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare a synopsis of the proceedings of this meeting, and request Synod to have the same printed with its Minutes.

Resolved, That this Society adjourn to meet again in conjunction with the next meeting of Synod, at the call of the President.

Closed with prayer and benediction.

SIMEON SCHERER, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

1862.		CR.
May 5.	By note and cash as per last Annual Report,	$ 77 76
" "	By Missionary Wages paid Rev. G. D. Bernheim,	12 00
" "	By Missionary Wages paid Rev. J. H. Mengert,	23 00
" 17	By payment in full of B. F. Fraley's note,	92 64
July 7.	By Missionary Wages paid Rev. J. H. Mengert,	170 00
" "	By interest paid Rev. J. H. Mengert,	2 00
" "	By premium for check and postage,	45
Oct. 18.	By Missionary Wages paid Rev. G. D. Bernheim,	66 00
1863.		
April 30.	By Missionary Wages paid Rev. L. C. Groseclose, agent for Rev. A. Phillipi,	98 00
May 2.	By Missionary Wages paid Rev. J. R. Sikes,	81 60
" "	By balance in Treasury,	209 54
May 2, 1863.		$832 99

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L. ROTHROCK, *Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, have carefully examined it, and the vouchers exhibited, and find the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES LINN,
P. N. HEILIG.

May 7, 1863.

NOTE.—This part of the Treasurer's Report should have been inserted on page 24, but was accidentally omitted.